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A GOOD SIGN



Stop to Shop Where You See It!



GIVE ELECTRICAL GIFTS

—they keep on giving!



celebrate anniversary

By Carra Williams

On November 16, Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Walker celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary—a suitable occasion for reminiscing, because they have truly been a Stone & Webster couple.

In February, 1910, Mr. Walker started with the Reno (Nevada) Power Light and Water Company as a meter reader and collector. Every evening a certain young Miss Ruth Pyle checked the collectors in, and ever since their first meeting over a five cents shortage, Mr. Walker claims she has been checking his cash. At any rate a horse and buggy trip to a Company picnic several miles out of Reno started them on the journey to their twentieth anniversary.

The meter-reader-collector started college at the University of Nevada in the fall of 1911 to graduate in 1915, and the checker-upper started in 1913 to graduate in 1917 when it was agreed a wedding would take place.

In 1916 after a year teaching in the Tonopah High School, Mr. Walker went to Boston to enter Stone & Webster's statistical department from which job he went to Haverhill, Mass., as a student engineer with the gas company. When the 1917 wedding date came, our country was at war, and so the courtship was continued at the Presidio at San Francisco where Mr. Walker trained to become a signal officer.

The wedding took place on the eve of his departure for New York and a trip overseas to join with the First Division in a year of active fighting and six months in Germany with the Army of Occupation. During all this time Mrs. Walker waited in New York working for and worrying about her soldier husband.

The war over, Mr. Walker returned in June, 1919 to spend the summer in San Francisco recuperating from an injury, and then back to Haverhill, first as general superintendent, and then three years later as manager. In May, 1923, he be-

Greetings . . .

As I approach this, my twenty-seventh Christmas with Stone & Webster, and holiday seasons of the past pass in review, there comes a flood of happy memories and fresh appreciation of the progress our industry has made.

Not every Christmas has been as merry as it might have been. The prospect for a Happy New Year has not always been bright. But part of the fun of helping anything to grow, whether it's a rose plant or a power plant, is to be found in conquering problems, overcoming obstacles.

In all things we must have the contrast of some "bitter" if we are to enjoy to the fullest "the sweet." I hope this, my eighth Christmas with you, will be the "sweetest" you've ever had and that, continuing to work together, we'll manage to make the New Year the happiest!

Tom P. Walker

came manager of the Baton Rouge Electric Company. In February, 1925, manager of the El Paso Electric Company. In April, 1927, vice-president of the Virginia Electric & Power Company at Norfolk and later at Richmond, and in January, 1930, he came to Beaumont as President of the Gulf States Utilities Company. His three daughters, two born in Haverhill and one in El Paso, have grown into charming young ladies, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker have grown into the heart of every employee of the Gulf States Utilities Company.

As a tribute to their fine character and understanding of youth, they might well serve as an example for every young man and young woman trying to establish for themselves a life worthwhile.



Bob Guidry
Editor

production news

November 1, was the occasion for smoking cigars in the Production Department, Mr. Fulton announced the arrival of a young son to carry his good name and become George R. Fulton, III.

We welcome two new men in the Beaumont Production Department. J. W. Baird transferred from Navasota to Neches Station, and J. F. Delage from the Orange Plant to the load dispatcher's office.

O. K. Beard has a system that most of us would like to learn more about. He goes to the A. & M.-Baylor game, loses all bets, yet drives home a new Chrysler sedan. Lonnie Pace seems to know something about the system, he's driving a brand new DeSoto.

V. O. Holst is recuperating from an accident which occurred at the Beaumont Rice Mill. It seems that he had just paid a bill and fell down the stairs on the way out.

VACATIONS

Lawton went places and his selections were such that he didn't miss a meal, he stopped in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. . . Henckel got around a lot but most of it was around a lot of fish. . . W. Prejean was in Louisiana where that gumbo is made right. . . Jack Jett went back to those good ole places in and around Navasota. Robert Clark vacationed at home.

Several ambitious fellows got together and formed what they hope will be a winning bowling team. If you can beat any of these fellows; Reidy, Fontana, Jackson, Trumper, Hirsch, Craft, and Guidry, there may be a place for you on this team.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Straughn, who lost their child at birth, November 5, 1937.

STONE & WEBSTER TOPICS

Progress on the new unit is very noticeable. The turbine foundation is completed. Westinghouse men are at present installing a 29,750 sq. ft. surface con-

denser for the new unit. Many of the various auxiliary pumps have been installed. The outside walls of the new extension are practically finished. The new boiler is being enclosed and will probably be ready for preliminary operation within the next few weeks. As for the main unit, we have hopes that it will be operating in time for next summer's load.

The S. & W. personnel are looking for
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30 years at the switch

By Bob Guidry

Ike Tevis on November 28 completed thirty years of service in the Tevis Street Plant.

He began with the old Beaumont, Ice, Light and Refrigerating Company back in 1907 when engines with rope drives were furnishing D. C. lights to the city of Beaumont. About 1911 Stone & Webster took over the old company and very shortly began to modernize the plant. Mr. Ike (as we all know him) took an active part in the development of this plant and has outlasted much of its machinery. He has been a helping hand to many a young man trying to learn power plant work and best of all he has served well in his own capacity.

Today at the age of 68, hale and hearty, Ike Tevis may be pointed out as a shining example of what good men can do, he is loyal to his work, ever faithful to his friends, and is loved and respected by everyone.

"'Twas the Month Before Christmas"

With apologies to the author
and to my readers (if any)

'Twas the month before Christmas
And all through each town
The D.R.'s were taking their merchandise down.
Ray Hereford and crew met in earnest, they say,
To discuss ways of making their offices gay.
Honsberger and Missus painted Beaumont so red.
While visions of Havana danced through Rod's
head.
The Welches and Griffiths in their two
"Chev-i-cos",
Lit out for the sights of Old Mexico.
Oma Pearl Grant joined the PLAIN TALKS
staff.
While the Haddoxes and Browns (just for a
laugh)
Away to St. Louis flew like a flash,
Took in the town and spent all their cash.
The Hollinsheads and Dinkins to Huntsville
did go.
To visit the folks they all used to know.
When what to our wondering eyes should appear
But Buck Thompson and his new wifey so dear.
Katherine Stewart that was, sister of Jack
Shirey's wife,
She took on a job that will hold her for life.
While Jameson "bit" on a package that came,
Each one that she met—she called them a name,
"You blighter! You Crook! What more can I
say?
"I'll get even with you if it takes 'till Doomsday.
"For a rock, and rusty egg beater I paid 74
cents
"To a conniving expressman—Oh! why have I
no sense."
W. C. Sadler went "down on the coast"
While T. L. Junot to his garden played "host".
Paul Long wouldn't tell us where he would go,
But Dick Smith took out for dear old Waco.
The Mitchells from Huntsville visited Calvert
(always),
While the Bill Caraways visited in Houston ten
days.
Tony Busahart went back to Conroe to stay
And Jelly Gilmore journeyed down Alvin way.
And that, dear friends, is what happened up
here
If I have omitted your news—do not fear
'Tis because I have racing through my weary
brain
The pounding and hammering of wheels of a
train.
Here let me exclaim ere you think I am tight—
"MERRY CHRISTMAS" to all and to all
a Good Night!

The following letter was received by
Ye editor the other day with an urgent
request that it be published as well as
mailed:

Dear Santy:

Please bring Dorothy Dyess a
nice fresh "norther" and a payment
on that gorgeous new fur coat.
Also bring Ruth Meekins a sore
finger so she can see just how nice
it is to work with "poor equip-
ment". To all those who failed to
send in news to our PLAIN
TALKS, Santy dear, take a nice
headache all wrapped up in red
cellophane tied with yellow bows
and deposit a very generous por-

Navasota division news

G. H. Johnson
Editor



tion on their doorstep for Christ-
mas morning.

And since it is more blessed to
give than to receive, I give you my
editorship in PLAIN TALKS and
ask that you tie it up neatly and
take it to Ann Grove with all my
love. That is for not cooperating
with my guest editors as she
should.

Please bring Figari next year's
football results with a possible copy
for Marcus Andrews and John
Brady. You might also bring an
instruction book entitled "How
Bridge is Played and Why" to
Diddy Welch and Jelly Gilmore.
Perhaps their wives would enjoy
the game better.

Childishly yours,

George H. Johnson.

BUT SERIOUSLY—The old year is just
about gone and with each new year, we
are all inspired to do bigger and better
things not only in our work but also in
our homes. And for that reason I should
like to quote a good poem on living that
strikes a note unheard for some time:

Cooking schools were held in the Cal-
vert District during the first two weeks
of November. Calvert and Franklin are
proud of the attendance record, with 140
ladies present in Franklin for two days
and the Calvert record was 187 for two
days.

With August, C. M. Russell completed
twenty-four and one-half years service
with Stone & Webster, Inc. with work
as follows:

1913—Started in Dallas with Dallas
Light & Power Co.

1916—Baton Rouge Electric Comany.

1927—Gulf States Util. Co.—Orange,
Texas.

1931—Gulf States Util. Co.—Port Ar-
thur, Texas.

1935—Gulf States Util. Co.—Navasota,
Texas.

Ethel Doan

check-up on group insurance beneficiaries urged

important to all employees

By Jack Himel

The Employee Group Life Insurance program of the Gulf States Utilities Company, in operation since October 1932, has been proved many times to be a real financial blessing to families within our organization who have had occasion to benefit. Because of this fact, we believe you will be interested in the following admonition concerning one important feature which is being frequently overlooked and which may result in defeating the intent of the insured.

Usually we execute our first life insurance contract during the early part of our lives and generally at that time, designate our fathers and/or mothers as beneficiaries. As we grow older, we experience such things as marriage, children, divorce, remarriage, and death. Each of these important steps should be given careful study to make the necessary changes in Beneficial designation of the insurance funds, but frequently this duty is completely overlooked.

The group insurance contract, under which we are all insured, provides that changes of beneficiaries may be made as often as necessary to conform with the wishes of the insured, and we should, therefore, avail ourselves of this provision when needed so that our insurance proceeds may be properly administered. It is conceded by insurance authorities that few people seem to understand the proper designations and for this reason may request and often do execute Beneficial designations which do not conform exactly with their particular wishes.

Experience has taught that improper naming of beneficiaries often results in loss to intended beneficiaries of a substantial portion of the policy proceeds. For instance, if "Executors, Administrators or Assigns" are designated, resort must be had to the Probate Court where the estate must be administered under the direction of the Court with the consequent Court cost, administrator's and

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Christmas dance

COME ONE! COME ALL! Every employee of the Gulf States Utilities Company, far and near, is urged to attend the big shindig on the Sattidy night before Christmas, December 18th. Dancing from 9:30 'til 1:00 to the music of T. D. Carroll's orchestra. As usual, each employee is allowed to bring one guest. Pete Murchison is in charge of tickets which retail at \$1.25 per couple. We anticipate a large crowd, and particularly hope that all our out-of-town employees will be able to come, and have made it a point to have the dance on Saturday night to enable them to do so, tickets will be available through your local offices, and if you run out, we'll send you some more, so everybody get in the spirit (not spirits) and reserve that date for the good ole G.S.U.

Peckham and Paul have been appointed as bouncers—we thought maybe you oughta know. Old Peck seems harmless enough but I don't think I'd tackle Paul.

C. Wheeler.

Art Krueger dies

Arthur William Krueger, superintendent of the Beaumont merchandise service department, died on December 1 after a long illness. Funeral services were held the afternoon of December 2 and burial was in Magnolia cemetery.

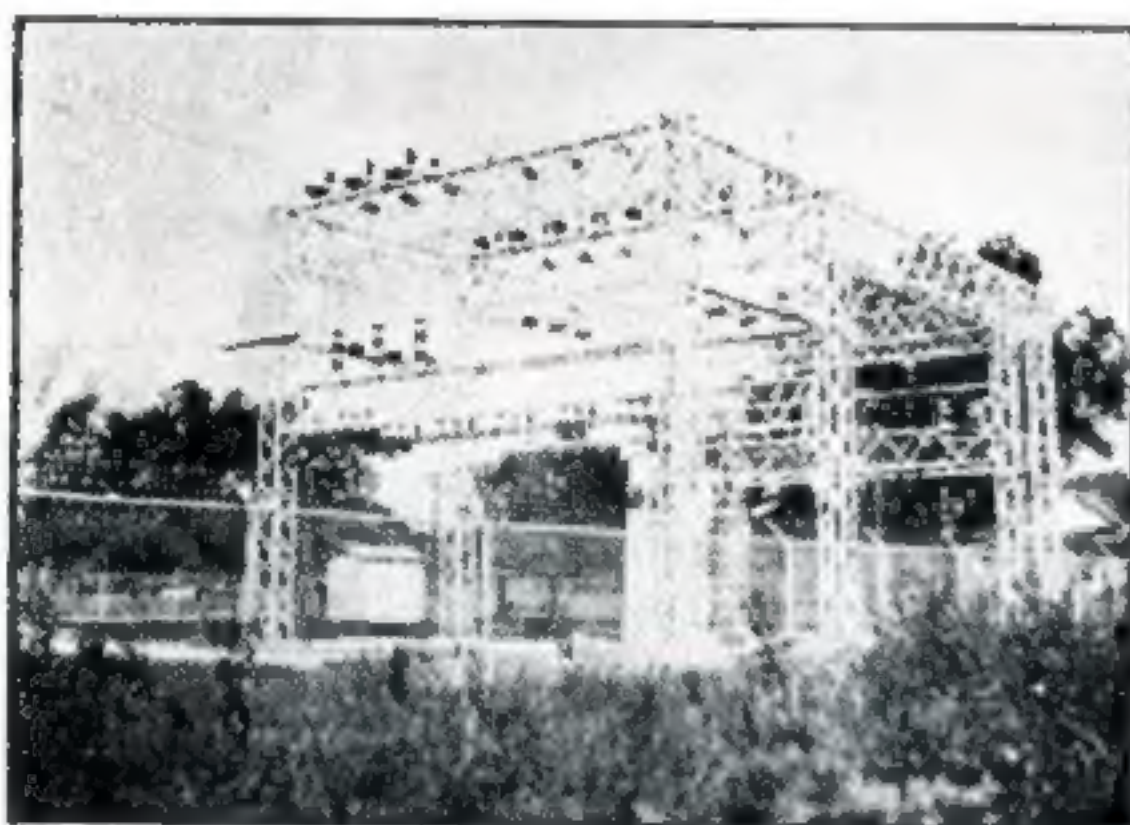
"Art," as he was known to his host of friends, was loved and respected by all who knew him. He handled his job capably and always had time to do a favor for a friend. To Mrs. Krueger, who plans to continue to make Beaumont her home, we extend heartfelt sympathy.

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Transfers: A. L. "Bubba" Stahl was transferred from the Meter Department office to the Distribution office. . . E. G. Mathis is now working in the Meter Dept. being transferred from the Transmission Dept. . . We are glad to have you with us, Bubba and E. G. and hope you are enjoying your new positions.

"Grandpa" Braunig is being congratulated on the arrival of his granddaughter, Barbara Lyn, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beadle, Jr., on November 10. She weighed 7½ pounds and we wouldn't be surprised to hear that Barbara has already said "Grandpa".

We are looking forward to having our Service Building Christmas tree which was such a huge success on Christmas Eve of last year.



NORTHEND SUBSTATION

The Northend Substation was placed in service on October 27. This is a steel substation of the newest type, rather modernistic in design and has a present installed capacity of 3000 KVA.

At present it has 2-3-phase, 2300 volt feeders, which will serve the growing residential area in the north end of Beaumont. Feeder No. 27, a 3-phase, 2300 volt feeder with two regulators, was energized on October 27. This feeder serves the Fairgrounds, Dollinger's Iron Works and the lighting and power load on the Voth Road. Feeder No. 26, a 3-phase, 2300 volt feeder with two regulators was energized on November 12, and will serve, roughly, the area east of Gulf and north of Beech Streets, to the Country Club.

The substation and these feeders are another step toward the completion of a plan conceived in 1928—to serve the load in the Beaumont area as it grows. These feeders will greatly improve service to the north end of Beaumont, as they

speaking of operations



R. F. Reid
Editor

can be tied in with some of the present feeders out of the Tevis Street and Helbig Substations; this will tend to improve continuity of service in emergencies.

ENGINEERING

The Engineering Department is warming up. The new heating system is in and everyone is happy—except the plumber; he is still running around stopping steam leaks.

The football pool rolls merrily on. Entries from the main office threatened to take the money last week, but a last minute check-up revealed Kirby Jones as winner with ten out of fifteen games picked correctly.

Bernice Blanchette returned from a short vacation a few days ago with news of a gr-r-rand time.

Football games attended lately: Ben and Lucy Fanette to see L. S. U.-Auburn. . . Bill Wendt, Tommy Keiller, Herbert Preston Donald, John T. Camp and Dan Poulson to see Rice-A. & M. . . Many saw Baylor play Loyola of Los Angeles.

W. W. Eckles and Tom Keiller saw the Rice-T. C. U. game while on a trip to Dallas to inspect supervisory control equipment of the Texas Power and Light Company. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Adams planned also to see this game as a part of their vacation activities which will include visits to Fort Worth and San Antonio.

Chief White Fox (Nee' Perry Wiggins) grappled to a win in a recent wrestling bout here in Beaumont. Our wrestling draftsman is earning quite a reputation as a winner of matches.

We regret that George Fecel is no longer with the Company (as he has completed the special work he was doing.) Good luck, George.

Bowling season starts November 20, with Wallace Trumper being this department's expert entry on the Company team.

As usual, this department's Community Chest Contributions were 100% and well over the quota assigned.

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Carra Williams
Editor

treasury department news

BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT: Boys, you may be interested to know that Miss Goldie Webb, pretty brunette, has replaced Margaret Parish in the cashier's cage. We are very glad to have you with us Goldie. And we miss you terribly Margaret. . . As we go to press, we are very glad to report that Birdie McMurrin is recuperating in Hotel Dieu from nose fractures suffered in an automobile accident November 20.

PERTINENT PERSONALS FROM THE FIRST FLOOR: Adrienne Glynn carrying on an argument unaided and unassisted. . . Dennie Taylor on the phone saying "Mister, we have a check returned from the bank due to Insufficient Funds, could you come in?" . . . Ray Pace talking to himself and trying desperately to find one route in balance. . . Joe Powell on the telephone, trying to find one more date for someone. . . Ben Mulford smiling all over his face cause he found an error somebody made. Just anybody will do. . . Ave Mary Stevens looking very beautiful and asking—"Could I help you." . . Elmer Engman—"You ain't telling me nothing." . . Birdie McMurrin—"Will you help me find this meter?" . . . Scottie Cockrill arguing and whistling to herself, and asking—"How many ways are there to get out of balance on these A.R.C. routes?" . . . Harry Rafferty talking to himself. . . Paul Masterson being very serious. . . Flora Mae Clements saying, "Mr. Pennington, will you please help me with this customer?" . . . Helene Hartel trying to explain to a customer how to remember her name. . . Jo Vaughan trying to explain to a customer why he received a reminder notice after the bill had been paid. . . Mr. Pennington recommending "Kolorback" for graying temples. . . Annette Tillery learning more and more everyday about how to be a good cashier. . . Fletabel Denton—"I've copied meter sheets 'til I think I'm going crazy." . . And your editor trying, without much success, to gather news for "Plain Talks." . .

NOVEMBER PLAIN TALKS

BILLING DEPARTMENT: Red Dunham is recuperating from an operation, and we hope, will be back with us by the time this issue reaches you. . . Agnes Sumrall entertained the girls in the billing department with a picnic in her back yard in Woodlawn. . .

STENOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT. The new voice on the switchboard belongs to Helen Dutton. . . All we can say is the person doing the hiring around this place is certainly keeping up his reputation for "picking 'em right." . . Sybil Duke says she certainly had a problem on her hands when trying to plan a picnic for this department recently. It seems all the girls are in love or nearing that stage and she had trouble in keeping them out of trouble with their boy friends for going to the picnic with the wrong person. . . On Thursday nights you will find a group of girls meeting at the different homes to knit, they say. But if your ears should burn, you don't have to wonder who is talking about you, just blame it on one of the following: Doris Anderson, Flora Mae Clements, Fern Nantz, Louise Lauderdale, Nellie Rae McManus, Ida Mueller, Annette Tillery, and Elsie Bell.

MERCHANDISE SUPPLY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT: If you are interested in how one goes about eating Pompano, you may ask Bradley McMaster and Mac McLaughlin for first hand information. It seems that Ricks, Brad, Mac, and Barron were recently dining in the Charleston Hotel Dining Room in Lake Charles, and Mac tried to go high-brow and ordered a pompano, the first and only one he ever saw. He struggled and struggled, much to Brad's dismay, and finally Brad decided to help Mac, and from the report, Brad must have had some sort of unusual ability and strength to master the situation. By-the-way, Brad, I was asked to ask you if they ever found Mr. Bean. I haven't the slightest idea what that means, but it sounds interesting.

THIRD FLOOR AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

By Charlyne Wheeler

The Accounting Department reports a number of changes this month with two new comptometer operators, Mildred Allison and Margaret Parish. Margaret has been cashing downstairs for a couple of years, but has been transferred to this department permanently, and we are happy to welcome these two new members to
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LAKE SIDE: Charlie Waldron vacationed in his "Wonderful Isle of Dreams"—Miami Beach, Florida. . . "Mackey" Arisco was the interior decorator who dressed up the switchboard room. . . H. G. Anderson had a good time spending all that football pool money he won.

ACCOUNTING DEPT.: Thelma Caughlin ate her Thanksgiving turkey in Baton Rouge. 'Member that guy named Crawford?

Vacations are over in the Accounting Department, and the pleasant personality and cheerful voice of Mrs. Bernice Trahan Long on the switchboard is missed by all—however, we are hoping that we can still get the right number with the help of Loraine Spence, back at her old position.

All members of the Port Arthur Division wish to extend their sympathy to Miss Elizabeth Hagy because of the death of her grandmother, who died in Orange, November 18.

COMMERCIAL DEPT.: Rufus Manley—transferred to the Beaumont Lighting Department is being missed, but the gang wish him well.

Sidney Hebert returned from his vacation, spent on the farm, full of vim and vigor. . . Mrs. Bessie Allen Carter was on the job during Sidney's absence, and we enjoyed having her back with us for a while.

Docia Moore survived her first cooking school! It was held in Pear Ridge and from all reports Docia put it over like a trouper.

Mr. and Mrs. "Ditty" Welch from Navasota paid Port Arthur a visit and everyone was glad to see them again. They said something about a "second honeymoon" and looked the part!

"Mooch" Ingwersen is on speaking terms with all the dogs in his new Rural District.

That's Blackie DeCuir and Jo Prejean who go hunting every Saturday afternoon. Just "hunting" that's all we know.

You should have seen that surprised look on Mamie Voyles face when she learned that Fred (I. E. S.) Parent was not as young as he looks, and "has been around."

Forest "Buck" Elkins has been enjoying a vacation.

Quite a lot of excitement around the office when Joe Hatley informed the bunch that he was in a wreck. After much investigating it was discovered that

Port Arthur division news



Mrs. Trotti
Editor

Joe had been out in old No. 191—named by the D.R.'s "the wreck."—Oh—Mr. Terrell!

NEDERLAND: Ditty Welch and the Mrs. did not slight the Nederland office on his visit "south."

Jack Jordan of Nederland has been transferred to Navasota—and his pals in Nederland certainly do miss him—but wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Mattie Gray, cashier of Port Neches, spent the week-end in Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dinkins and family, visited in Huntsville for a few days; the Jack Jordans attended a family reunion in Palestine; Marie Reinstra spent the week-end in Austin—but don't get the wrong idea, it was not the "same" week-end and anyway Frog Handley was at home to look after things.

MAIN OFFICE: Our popular Boss was smiling his best smile Saturday, November 27, over the arrival of his friends Mr. and Mrs. Rock Taber from Cape Girardeau, Mo., for a week-end visit with the Thornes.

Wade Phillips, our Illuminating Engineer has returned from a nice vacation spent in Montgomery, La. Wade was missed—principally because he's the local representative of the Federal Loan Association, and we don't like for him to be out of town long at a time.

DISTRIBUTION DEPT.: There still is a Distribution Dept. down here—but this time we caught Al David taking a nap.

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We are going to have lots of news from now on, because there is a little black box installed in the hall of the main office building with the words "Plain Talks" marked on it. It has a lock and key, and each employee of the Port Arthur Division is invited to drop in news items during the month. Items do not have to be signed, just write them up and they will be collected at the time they are to be published.



Mrs. Spell
Editor

mdse. dept. news Bmt.

FACTS AND FIGURES, AS THEY IS:—

Bill Hilsman, embryonic DR, is laboring away in the Repair Department stowing up knowledge that will come in handy when he hits 'the meter-reading trail'.

Some enterprising night prowler paid Slim Larkin a visit a few nights ago. This particular individual fished through a screen and lifted Slim's pants from a chair. Fortunately, no loss was sustained, but until a search revealed the missing pants in the back yard, Mr. Larkin thought he was going to have to come to work in a barrel.

Pappy Sandifer has been prancing around with a smile on his face and a peculiar gleam in his eyes. At present we do not feel free to divulge but in a later issue will reveal pertinent facts.

Jack Connaughton is still holding his place as head man in Beaumont Division. Jack has done a good selling job and is

attacking sales prospects with renewed energy as the last of the year creeps up on us.

Lloyd Brannan, noncommittal as usual, is ringing the old sales bell. Lloyd doesn't make much racket but his space on the bogie board gets a pretty good application of chalk right along.

There is nothing to say about, or for, Bill Hammond. He speaks for himself. (AND HOW!!!)

Walt Richardson has been spending quite a bit of his time in helping install our new kitchen. Incidentally, that new kitchen is the real McCoy and shows results of some mighty fine engineering on the part of Walter and his co-workers from the Repair Department.

Day Seastrunk is prepared to give full and complete instructions in the art of catching a Thanksgiving turkey. Day says that you have to get 'em after they go to roost. Climbing around in a tree is our idea of no fun at all. We'll take our Thanksgiving dinner from something that sticks closer to terra firma. For instance a duck or armadillo.

Speaking of Thanksgiving! We have, for the first time, seen Everett Bishop when he wasn't in a high dither to get home to lunch. This particular instance was on the day after Thanksgiving. Maybe turkey hash doesn't agree with Bish.

Poor Bus Winfrey is all crippled up. (Continued on page 11)

"Switch to the Better Way"



Visitors to Beaumont's annual South Texas State Fair were advised to "switch to the Electric Way" by this effective display. The figures of the housewife was animated and the lighting effect very striking.

LAKE CHARLES

Distribution department reports Dave Spears vacationing in San Antonio and El Paso; Charlie Goodwin throwing snowballs in Shreveport; Bill Montgomery having difficulty in starting "Blue Heaven"; Bob Savoie in the market for another dog; Nick Reeves walking on air since having been bitten by the love-bug.

The garage reports Dusty Spell and Bob Allen trying to talk Mrs. Gobiell into letting Neil go hunting one Sunday morning; Shug Goen's temperature dropping off to the extent that the doctor's blonde assistant had to give him Violet-Ray treatments.

J. F. Simonson on the sick list from over-eating at Lafayette.

We understand "Hop, Skip and Jump" Wilkens put on a private show for the rest of the line crew while they were working on the high line just east of the Sabine River.

The uptown office reports that Phil Allen, Ellis Baker, John Harrop, Jim Suduth and Vic Faver went to Beaumont for the Baylor-Loyola game.

The Sulphur office reports that Lillieon M. Stone was married to C. C. Cutrer on November 12th. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

JENNINGS

Bill Watson and Wm. Patterson have been transferred from the ice plant to the line crew for the winter months. We are glad to have them with us.

"Rudolph Valentino" Garman was stricken with tonsillitis and was confined to his home a few days this week.

There are several other young unmarried men in Jennings who do not take time off at the present, for sickness or any other reason, for fear that matters at the uptown office will get out of control.

Walter Broussard claims his shooting is beyond comparison. He hunted all day and never hit a bird. If that isn't 100% we want to know why.

Martin Leger says that after hunting birds all day, a fellow just has to do something to chase the chill out of his bones. And the bigger the chill, the bigger the chase. Ask Martin the best way.

An enjoyable fish fry was held recently

Pelican state news



John Mattingly
Editor

at the Jennings sub with Pete Dennis as host. A big time was had by all.

We are all wondering if Cupid has anything to do with the frequent trips A. E. Hine makes to New Orleans.

We have heard that Roy Schuman took the cashier out to lunch, and bought her a Dr. Pepper for that "bite to eat."

LAFAYETTE

Here is one for "Believe It Or Not"—J. J. (Kingfish) Nelson went deer hunting on November 8th. He located his station and climbed up in a scrub oak tree to await Mr. Deer. Along came the deer, and after the smoke from the shot cleared away, Kingfish saw that the deer had fallen. It scared Kingfish so much that he fell too, losing most of his clothes and two bits worth of hide.

Another deer story—Z. T. (Jack) Cart went deer hunting on November 1st. He located his station in a tree, and felt so much at home in the tree that he fell asleep and slept through all the excitement of the hunt.

A. A. (Johnnie) Adams recently visited in Beaumont, taking in the Southeast Texas State Fair, reporting that they are getting bigger and better every year (and we're not so sure whether he means the Fair or the Hulla Hulla Girls).

The synchronous condenser came down for its annual inspection and cleaning which was taken care of by Doc W. A. Whitten and his crew of capable assistants including M. Sharp and his welding torch. They did a good job in record time.

"For Sale or Trade" See R. J. Heinen—Phone Murray Hill 89933. It don't make much difference what it is, but bring it around and he will bargain with you.

Central division news

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LIBERTY

The Liberty Ice Department personnel have been busy "dressing up" the Liberty Plant in a new coat of paint. Tom Riddle, plant chief, in charge of the work, has done a swell job of improving the looks of the interior of the plant.

Brock, of the Liberty District, sends his sincere sympathy to E. E. Figari of Navasota for his great losses in prognosticating the outcome of the football games. His pocketbook must have been bigger than his ability at foretelling scores—"Just wait till next year Red."

Ellis Taylor: (on one of our recent wintry mornings): "Good morning, Mr. Granau. What makes your nose so pink?"

Mr. Granau: "It's pink from blushing with pride that it doesn't stick itself into other people's business."

Saturday, November 20, was Emancipation Day for Pressly Haywood, Ice Department. He carried "the little woman" to the Beaumont Fair on the 6th and has been catching up with his parlor dates ever since.

The Liberty line crew has started construction on approximately two miles of Rural Line along Highway No. 146, north of Liberty. This is a 7.6 K. V. rural job to serve twelve customers at present and will serve an area that should develop very rapidly with electricity available to modernize the homes that will eventually be built.

Nathan Gray's definition of a holiday: "A day in which a man may hunt, fish, or talk, unmolested by wives, business or other trivialities."

It is amazing how times change, and people with them. Take Tennie DeVore for instance—we are told that in her maiden days she had quite a line, but now, it's all boiled down to a side line.

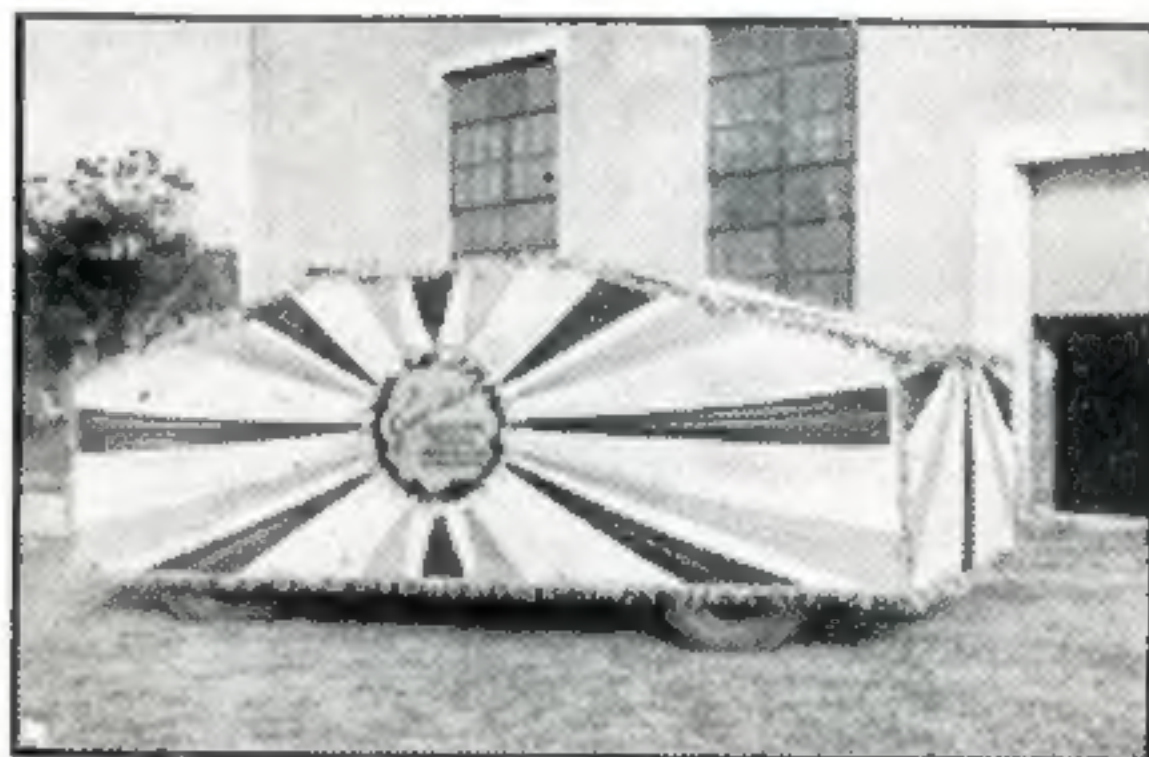
We believe that with a little coaching Holly Norman, patrolman, should become a great wit:—He has half the making already.

Friends of Kirk P. Brock of the Liberty Division were deeply grieved over the sorrow which recently befell him in the death of his Mother at Livingston.

ORANGE

The following have been on vacations recently: J. F. Delage visited at home with

his mother in Louisiana. . . K. Sonnier and family visited with friends and relatives in Elton, La. . . R. D. Godwin, in and about Orange for two weeks. . . . Maxine Hunt visited friends and relatives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. . . Belle Carter spent her vacation by getting a good sun tan at the beach for a week, and visiting friends and relatives in Beaumont for another week. . . C. M. Fleming and family, one week's vacation in North Mississippi. . . Jimmie Selman and W. R. Callahan, vacationing in Orange. . . Caleb French spent most of his vacation at Cow Creek.



On November 11th, Orange put on one of the best parades in 20 years or more. Our float was designed and built by none other than Caleb French. We think this is real good for an amateur.

SOUR LAKE

Sour Lake employees and their families celebrated completion of a brick barbecue pit, built in the plant yard by Operator E. B. Williams, the evening of Nov. 2.

The following employees and families were present; A. D. Barrow and family, E. B. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Metzke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bettis, Mr. and Mrs. George Foreman and Creighton Spivey and family.



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According to his own story, he was performing the usual Saturday night body-dunking ritual when he slipped on the soap. The journey downward was painful and abrupt.

Our good friend, Fred Johnson, is a very busy man these days. He has been working up the bogies for 1938 but we can't get a word out of him in regards to what kind of a job we are going to be called upon to do next year. We hope he keeps his figures in the lower denominations.

Jimmy Crabbe has pretty near worn out a good adding machine getting business in balance to close out the year.

Lola Martin, Home Economist Extraordinary, is back on the job again after her illness. We're glad to see you back, Lola, and may you never ail again.

Thanks to Mary Lena Nall, Grace Brooks, and Gwen Youse for a swell job on our range customers during these trying times. A good staff of Home Economists is what every seller of ranges needs and a good staff is what we have the most of.

Even after Connie Winborn sold enough I. E. S. Lamps to win a second prize in Beaumont he had a hard time getting it. The final results were accidentally (?) posted erroneously and left Connie in third place and out of a prize. However, the error was remedied and Connie's good work was amply rewarded.

For the sales floor gang, Dot Futch, Lou Kelley, Lawrence Talley, and Bob LeBlanc, we ask a big hand. They are doing a swell job. Some of our customers are adroit enough to get away from the D.R.'s but when they come in on to the sales floor they may as well get on the line.

Luther Mosier is hitting the ball hard. Luke is putting forth every effort to round out 1937 in good style and it looks like he might make a mark for himself before the fireworks are over.

Pat Bishop is still helping us push the old wagon over the hill. He seems to know just when to give us a little shove and keep us with a shoulder to the wheel.

Mr. Allen is doing his part to keep the old spirit alive. He keeps a weather eye on the bogie board and has given more than one of us a lift when we needed it most.

Christmas offer

During the month of December Graybar offers employees a Hamilton-Beach Model D Food Mixer with Juice Extractor for \$13.65, a dollar off of the usual employee price.

treasury dept. news

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our peaceful little group. Just one great, big happy family.

It might be well to explain what's happened to all our old comptometer operators: Thelma finally let that boy talk her into it, and is resigning around December 15 to be married on Christmas Day. May I personally wish you the best of luck, Thelma, keeping in mind, of course, that you'll do as much for me someday. Lettie Long resigned on account of poor health and is now in Hot Springs for several months for a rest cure, and we sincerely hope that she has a speedy and complete recovery.

Bernice Burch, nee Sterling, has been helping in that department for several days.

Since Oscar Sims resigned his position as office boy, Estelle Hopkins, nee Taylor, my, how these girls keep changing names—is our office boy at present.

We have with us Mr. "Pops" Henderson, of Stone & Webster, here for his annual audit. Now I bet I'm sorry I made so many red lines in that ice book.

Tom Comerford of the Baton Rouge Electric Co., is here for several days making a study of the new Federal Power Commission system of accounting for public utilities.

I. C. Moore has been transferred to Madisonville as cashier.

June Carlisle was on the sick list for several days. We are glad to have you back with us, June.

Mr. DeBouy and Mr. Faber spent a week in Detroit attending the Edison Electric Institute accounting convention.

Nap Watson enjoyed a vacation visiting in Chicago and Detroit.

insurance

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Attorney's fees, bonding requirements and, possibly, inheritance taxes. These are serious burdens, especially on a small estate; and besides these burdens, there is usually a long delay in payment, often the cause of anxiety and hardship to families who are in urgent need of immediate help. In some cases the designation of "Executors, Administrators or Assigns" is not the designation best suited to the circumstance of the policy holder or his dependents; for often in the course of claim settlements, insurance companies find that the policy holder was mistaken in the opinion that "Executors, Administrators or Assigns" meant payment to his wife or some other dependent member of his family.

This company recommends the naming of Contingent Beneficiaries for the reason that husband and wife may both be killed in the same accident, or die in some other way at close intervals. When naming children, or minors, as Contingent Beneficiaries, the insured should see that the first Beneficiary makes a will and provides a trustee for the minors. This procedure facilitates payment of claims and reduces administrative costs to a minimum. The naming of Contingent Beneficiaries saves the funds from being administered by the Court in such cases. The following examples are given as being standard designations:

Single Beneficiary: Mary J. Doe, wife. Use full given name of the Beneficiary and state relationship.

Single Beneficiary with one Contingent Beneficiary: Mary J. Doe, wife, if living; otherwise to Helen Doe, daughter.

Single Beneficiary with two named Contingent Beneficiaries: Mary J. Doe, wife, if living; otherwise to Helen Doe, daughter, and Henry Doe, son, share and share alike and all to the survivors or survivor of them.

Two Original Beneficiaries to share equally: Mary J. Doe, wife and Agnes B. Doe, mother, share and share alike and all to the survivor.

Several Beneficiaries to share: One-half to Mary J. Doe, wife; one-fourth to Helen Doe, daughter; and one-fourth to Henry Doe, son; and in the event of the prior death of any said nominee, the sum which deceased would otherwise have taken shall go to the surviving nominees herein named in equal shares.

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TO THE EMPLOYEES OF GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY:

You have done a good job so many times now on the Community Chest that it is somewhat of an old story—but not a story which should ever be taken for granted or accepted without an expression of appreciation.

In helping to put across this drive the employees of this Company have helped in every practical way. You have worked on the campaign and you have subscribed to it generously. Thank you again for your fine support—it meant much to me as chairman of the campaign committee this year—but it meant more to me as a member of the Gulf States organization.

TOM P. WALKER,
President.

production news

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another noon hour sport, cold weather made them give up fishing for gars in the discharge tunnel. Too bad they can't start an indoor baseball training school as there are quite a few of the Texas League ball players working on the job, a few we know are "Pound em" Paul Easterling, Gill, Hanson, Parsons, Tauby and Treadaway.

Trust Company of Beaumont, Texas.

Estate: Executors, Administrators or Assigns.

No Beneficiary: If the employe desires to leave the insurance with no Beneficiary designated, use the words "No Beneficiary Named".

It is practically impossible from records available for our company to detect improper designations and it would also be unethical for the company to take any part in suggesting the Beneficiary of an insured. However, we are glad to be of some help. Recently we advised an insured that the Beneficiary should be changed, since the member of the family named as Beneficiary has been dead for a long time.

If a change in Beneficiary is desired, apply to the Insurance Department of the Company in writing for the required printed forms, which must be signed in duplicate in the presence of two legal witnesses. These forms, together with the certificate of insurance, are handled through our office for completion by the Insurance Carrier and the certificate returned to the employe.



TEN CARS OF CONDENSER

This picture was taken one rainy day not long ago as ten flat cars rolled up to the new unit at Neches station with the condenser for the new unit.